7/13/87 S6980-1

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
24 MASON STREET
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
02903

JOHN S. RENZA
DIRECTOR

EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EDWARD D. DI PRETE
GOVERNOR

VOLUME 33 JUNE 1987 NO. 6

RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 5,700 IN MAY TO 451,200

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 5,700 in May to its highest level this year, due almost entirely to gains occurring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 451,200 in May. This represents an increase of 5,700 from the April level and is 6,600 greater than the May 1986 figure of 444,600.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Rhode Island factory employment increased by 200 in May to 120,000. In addition, this was 1,000 jobs more than the year ago total of 119,000. Employment in the Durable Goods category was unchanged from the April level of 82,100, but was up 700 compared to the year earlier figure. The current Nondurable Goods manufacturing total of 37,900 reflects a monthly gain of 200 jobs and an annual increase of 300 jobs.

Within the Durable Goods category, employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment rose by 200 from April to May. Additional monthly gains of 100 each were reported in Lumber/Furniture and Nonelectrical Machinery. In contrast to this, monthly declines of 100 each were posted in Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago the most substantial job gains in the Durable Goods

(Continued on Page 4)

JOB OPENINGS WANTED FOR THE CLASS OF '87

Department of Employment Security Director John S. Renza urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to consider hiring from the Class of '87 – those young men and women graduating from college, from business and vocational schools and from high schools who may be looking for their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy – and they are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The eleven local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, aptitudes and interests in order to match the job-seeker to the needs of the employer. And, of course, there's never a fee for any of these services.

Rhode Island employers are reminded that job orders can be listed with the Job Bank - 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the nearest Job Service office. A listing appears on page two of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
Total Placements	853	971	934
New Applications	2,116	2,482	2,565
New Openings Rec'd.	2,581	2,369	3,289

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1987	Apr. 1987	% Change Apr.1987
Initial Claims	4,937	6,275	- 21.3
No. of Payments	35,688	49,067	- 27.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,590,999	$ 6,552,783	- 29.9
Exhaustions	999	1,294	- 22.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
Initial Claims	3,351	3,598	3,592
No. of Payments	24,919	25,074	23,898
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,871,352	$ 3,887,015	$ 3,139,063

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986
Civilian Labor Force	518.8	512.3	512.9
Unemployment	19.9	21.9	20.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	4.3	3.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.0	4.2	4.2

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	333.9	330.5	330.3
Unemployment	13.6	13.8	13.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.2	4.1

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	165.9	164.6	163.9
Unemployment	8.4	8.8	8.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.3	4.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	34,235	33,665	34,360
Unemployment	1,240	1,300	1,125
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.9	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
May 18-22, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,718	100.0
Men	4,839	49.8
Under 45	3,355	69.3
45 and over	1,484	30.7
Women	4,879	50.2
Under 45	2,897	59.4
45 and Over	1,982	40.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	970	10.0
Manufactruing	5,226	53.8
Public Utilities	235	2.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,469	15.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	194	2.0
Service	1,400	14.4
All Other	224	2.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,040	10.7
Clerical and Sales	1,899	19.6
Service	998	10.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	42	0.4
Processing	305	3.1
Machine Trades	1,248	12.8
Bench Work	1,622	16.7
Structural Work	1,345	13.8
Miscellaneous	1,165	12.0
INA	54	0.6

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	April 1987	May 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	451.2	445.5	444.6	+ 5,700	+ 6,600
MANUFACTURING	120.0	119.8	119.0	+ 200	+ 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	331.2	325.7	325.6	+ 5,500	+ 5,600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.4	17.4	17.8	+ 1,000	+ 600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.9	14.7	14.7	+ 200	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	100.1	98.2	98.8	+ 1,900	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.1	24.9	+ 300	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.2	111.5	111.0	+ 1,700	+ 2,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.2	58.8	58.4	+ 400	+ 800

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	May 1986	May 1987	May 1986	May 1987	May 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.0	119.8	119.0	+200	+1000	329.64	319.55	40.2	40.5	8.20	7.89
DURABLE GOODS	82.1	82.1	81.4	-	+ 700	324.41	318.74	40.2	40.5	8.07	7.87
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.3	3.3	+100	+ 100	383.80	376.58	40.4	40.8	9.50	9.23
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	419.57	400.66	41.5	40.8	10.11	9.82
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.5	5.3	- 100	+ 100	399.16	393.50	42.6	43.1	9.37	9.13
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	9.9	9.5	-	+ 400	311.45	287.52	40.5	40.1	7.69	7.17
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.9*	5.8*	5.9*	+100	-	438.44	436.19	42.9	44.6	10.22	9.78
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.2	12.1	- 100	-	314.83	293.72	41.1	39.8	7.66	7.38
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.3	9.5	- 100	- 300	425.60	420.80	40.0	40.5	10.64	10.39
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	5.0*	-	-	332.86	317.48	41.4	41.5	8.04	7.65
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.8	23.9	23.3	- 100	+ 500	255.57	250.11	39.5	39.7	6.47	6.30
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.5	5.8	+200	- 100	253.11	256.41	35.7	37.0	7.09	6.93
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	37.7	37.6	+200	+ 300	335.27	321.18	40.2	40.4	8.34	7.95
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.2	-	-	291.45	259.50	38.5	37.5	7.57	6.92
TEXTILES	10.4	10.3	10.5	+100	- 100	309.14	297.36	41.0	41.3	7.54	7.20
APPAREL	3.2	3.1	3.2	+100	-	286.28	272.30	42.1	41.7	6.80	6.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	297.60	303.16	40.6	41.7	7.33	7.27
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.9	-	- 100	429.75	424.79	38.2	38.9	11.25	10.92
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.0	-	+ 100	426.94	425.80	40.7	41.1	10.49	10.36
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.2	-	+ 100	352.30	325.43	42.6	42.1	8.27	7.73
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	4.8	-	+ 300	335.67	302.64	40.2	39.0	8.35	7.76
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	238.20	226.80	39.9	40.5	5.97	5.60

1986 Figures REVISED. 1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* Labor Dispute

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

RHODE ISLAND
EMPLOYMENT
BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
24 Mason Street
Providence, R.I. 02903 - 1082

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use, $300

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
PERMIT NO. G-12

THIRD CLASS – BULK RATE

CONGRESSIONAL INFORM SER
ATT SRI
4520 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA MD
20814

WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

(Continued from Page 1)

category were evident in Jewelry-Silverware (+500) and Fabricated Metals (+400). Annual upturns also occurred in Lumber/Furniture and Primary Metals (+100 each). For the twelve month period, the largest job reduction was registered in Transportation Equipment (-300) followed by a decrease of 100 workers in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment in the remaining Durable goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable goods producing industries monthly job gains of 100 each were recorded in Textiles and Apparel while the remaining industries showed no change from their April levels. On an annual comparison, payroll advances in Plastic Products (+300), Chemical Products (+100) and Rubber Products (+100) more than offset employment declines of 100 each in Textiles and Printing-Publishing. Employment in the four remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from May 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 5,500 in the April-May period, primarily as a result of seasonal payroll expansion in Trade, Services and Construction. The current Nonmanufacturing figure of 331,200 is also 5,600 jobs above the May 1986 level of 325,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly job gain (+1,900) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 100,100, this industry advanced 1,300 from its year earlier employment level. Similarly, Service payrolls rose 1,700 for the month to 113,200 and were up 2,200 compared to a year ago. Contract Construction jobs, at 18,400, reflected a monthly gain of 1,000 and an annual increase of 600. Overall Government employment increased by 400 from last month to the current level of 59,200, which was 800 more than the year ago figure. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 14,900, posted monthly increases of 300 and 200, respectively. Compared to a year ago, the former segment added 500 jobs while the latter expanded its payrolls by 200.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.20 in mid-May. In addition this represents a gain of 31 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week declined by 0.5 of an hour in May to 40.2 hours and was 0.3 of an hour lower than reported in May 1986. Average weekly earnings for these workers in May amounted to $329.64. While this represents a decrease of $3.29 from last month, it is $10.09 more than the year earlier figure.

PRINTED BY DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY